

REMARKS

Claims 61-78 are pending in this Application, with claims 61 and 72 being independent claims. In light of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Priority Claim

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's suggestion regarding the priority claim improperly attributed to this application by the Office. Applicants confirm that this priority claim is in error. Accordingly, Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt as suggested by the Examiner to correct the error.

Prior Amendments

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's entry of the previously filed amendments to the title and claims in the application. Applicants have resubmitted herein the prior amendments with additional amendments to the specification and abstract in the format suggested by the Examiner. Applicants have also made additional amendments to the abstract as suggested by the Examiner.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 61-78 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-4, 6-8, 5 and 9-18, respectively of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,697,748. Applicants have amended claims 61-78, thereby obviating the double patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections, and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that further personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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